

REMARKS

Claims 1-83 were previously submitted for examination. Claims 1-9 and 60-80 were previously withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement, claims 19-21 and 40-57 were previously canceled, and claims 81-96 were previously added. In the November 21, 2006 telephonic interview, the Examiner indicated that the restriction requirement on claims 1-9 is withdrawn. Claims 60-80 have been cancelled, claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 16, 18, 22, 23, 31, 32, 36, 59, 81, 84, 87-91 and 96 have been amended and claims 97-99 have been added by the Supplemental Amendment filed on November 28, 2006. Claims 2, 3, 16, 24, 37, 58 and 85 have been amended and new claims 100-138 have been added by the present amendment. Therefore, claims 1-18, 22-39, 58, 59 and 81-138 are currently under consideration.

Claims 2, 3, 16, 24, 37, 58 and 85 have been amended so that many alternative embodiments are moved into new claims 100-116 and 120-136. Support for new claims 117-119, 137 and 138 can be found throughout the present application as originally filed and, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0066] of the present specification. Accordingly, the present amendments do not introduce any new matter into the present application.


Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the claims and issuance of a patent containing the presently pending claims 1-18, 22-39, 58, 59 and 81-138. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 532212000623. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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